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**INDIANA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRANSPORTING
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Assistant Attorney General Alice S. Fisher of the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice, announced that STEVEN M. DECKER, age 31, of 101 W. Sycamore Street in Kokomo, Indiana, pleaded guilty today to one count of distributing of child pornography. DECKER'S plea resulted from an investigation by the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Indiana State Police, the Kokomo Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, following a lead from the German National Police (BKA).

The information filed with DECKER'S plea agreement alleges that on or about March 13, 2005, DECKER shipped or transported multiple image files of child pornography in interstate or foreign commerce by means of a computer and the Internet. DECKER distributed the images

through a file server set up in an Internet Relay Chat channel dedicated to sexually explicit pictures of pre-teen girls.

DECKER faces a possible prison sentence between the mandatory minimum of 5 years and the 20 year maximum sentence for distributing child pornography, plus a fine of up to \$250,000.

The case is being prosecuted by Steven D. DeBrot, Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Indiana, and Jill Trumbull-Harris, Trial Attorney for the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the Department of Justice.